



Abstract of the Disclosure

A method for securing a spacer to an implant integrated in bone. A spacer and a screw are engaged with a holder in a rotationally fixed position with respect to the holder. The spacer is engaged in a spacer engaging portion of the holder and the screw is engaged in a screw engaging portion of the holder. The screw is inserted in a threaded receiving passage of the implant such that threads on the screw engage threads of the receiving passage. A rotational motion is applied to the holder, thereby rotating the rotationally fixed spacer and screw and screwing the screw into the receiving passage of the implant. A cooperation between a bearing surface of the spacer and a top surface of the implant is established at a predetermined position of screwing. The holder is separated from the spacer and the screw.

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